

SKA  
LATIN  
ROCK  
BALKAN



## BAND

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## MUSIC

RAPID play a pretty fast two-tone ska and mix it with latin, balkan, polka and a bit of jazz, punk, klezmer or metal.

So they develop a sound which on the on hand makes you dance, skank and go crazy, but which on the other hand will put some fine melodies into you head, that you might not forget for a while.

Together with their energetic liveshow, the funky brasssection and the sing-along

choruses in six different languages (English, German, Spanish, French, Russian, Arabian) they guarantee a good time with dancing, moving, singing and partying, guaranteed to blow your mind...

Comparable bands:

Ska-P, Leningrad, Karamelo Santo, be-NUTS, Skaos, Desorden Público, System of a down, Pantheón Rócoo, Busters, Dis-temper, Sublime, Spitfire, a.o.

## BIOGRAPHY

The birth of RAPID was after the Russia tour 2012 of the well-known German ska band beNUTS (est. in 1994!).

One part of that band announced that they won't be able to tour so extensive anymore (due to families and jobs). So some others founded a spin-off band to go on touring and partying like the years before and to create something new: RAPID.

At the end of 2012 RAPID had their first gigs at two festivals in Munich, followed by the usual internal controversies about style, music and all these things that young bands have to face.

After several changes in the line-up in march 2013 a new team has formed to bring the fast offbeat á la beNUTS back onto the stages of the world.

In June 2013 the first demo-CD was recorded, consisting of 8 new tracks and two

coversongs from former bands or the members (beNUTS and Steamy Dumplings). It was called „This is Rapid“ - guess why...

That summer the first larger festivals were played, however mostly in the region around Munich.

2014 followed the first festivals and gigs all over southern and middle Germany (Würzburg, Mainz, Koblenz, Erfurt, Nürnberg, Weimar...) and in Berlin and Prague. They also started recording their first longplayer (including 19 songs) which will be finished at Iguana Studios in november 2014.

2015 they hope to continue their success story to manage the step from a insider's tip to an established warrantor for party in clubs and on festivals. And all this in their very own velocity: Because this is - indeed - RAPID!

## PEOPLE

Fabian Benedikt - leadvox, bass  
Ilpo Bloodbeat Kauppinen - guitar  
Keymon Bodesheim -  
keyboard, percussion  
Doc Jasper - keyboards  
Felix Indra - drums, vocals  
Simon Stusak - sax, vocals  
Dr. Hornsten - horn, vocals  
Simon B-bauer - trumpet, vocals

## FOR PROMO...

### 78 WORDS:

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129 WORDS (see above at “band”)

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What will be the output, if musicians of some of the biggest ska and latin bands of the German city Munich form something new together with young emerging talents and heroes from the local metal-scene (no, you did read right...)? Of course: A lot of high spirits, power and grooves that make everyone dance like hell.

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## MEDIA

MOVIES (including Links):

Rapid, Offbeat Offensive 2014 („Tequila Sunset“, Latin/Ska)  
 Rapid, Sinnflut-Festival 2013 („Moody Rudi“, Ska/Rockabilly)  
 Rapid, Offbeat Offensive 2014 („Walhamdulillah“, Polka/Ska/Metal)  
 Rapid, Sinnflut-Festival 2013 („Mentiras“, Latin/Ska/Punk)  
 Rapid, Sinnflut-Festival 2013 („Dai Dai Dai“, Polka/Ska)  
 Benuts 2012 live in Moskau (with Rapid frontman, Sax & Rhythm-Group)

HOMEPAGE: <http://www.thisisRapid.de>

DEMOSONGS: <http://www.reverbnation.com/thisisrapid>

FACEBOOK: <http://www.facebook.com/thisisRapid>

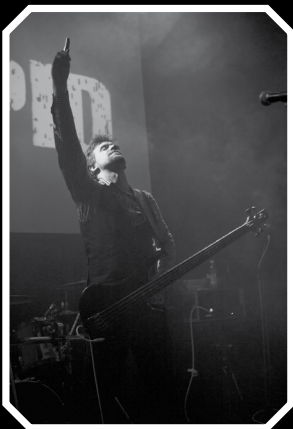
YOUTUBE: <http://www.youtube.com/thisisRapid>

FURTHER BANDS OF THE MUSICIANS (incompl.):

Benuts (Ska/Rock)  
 Steamy Dumplings (Ska/Reggae/Rockabilly)  
 Palo Santo (Cumbia/Latin)

DEMOS/LONGPLAYERS with songs they play:

\*Rapid: „This is Rapid“ (Eigenvertrieb, 2013)  
 \*beNUTS: „Shut up and dance“ (GLM/Impulso, 2009)  
 \*Steamy Dumplings: „Do you know?“ (Mad Butcher Records, 2008)



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